

Signposts of the Kingdom: Learning to Live into God's New Reality

Overall Aim To better understand the story of what the God revealed in scripture is up to and how we have been invited to participate in that story in our daily lives.

The Big Picture: God's Audacious Mission Beginning with God's call of Abraham (Genesis 12), God sets in motion a plan to bring healing, wholeness, and flourishing to God's broken creation. Plan A: To create a people who through their very life together will bear embodied witness to God's deepest desires for all of creation, not just itself.

Session #1 The Reign of God (Part 1): What's Up with Jesus and All This "Kingdom" Talk?

Focal Texts: Mark 1:14-15; Matthew 4:23; Matthew 6:9-11 (Lord's Prayer)

What the Kingdom/Reign of God is and isn't:

Isn't defined by place, geography, or borders (so not like a modern nation-state)

Isn't simply an idea

Isn't simply a "spiritual" reality

Is a radical social order defined by loyalty and allegiance that is rooted in and reflects God's character.

Jesus' Relationship to the Kingdom/Reign of God:

Announces

Teaches

Invites

Illustrates

Demonstrates

Embodies